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Teen-Agers Found Guilty Of Murder

Freehold, New Jersey, Dec. 18. Three teen-agers were found guilty of first-degree murder tonight, for the beating to death of a 60-year-old man during a robbery.

The jury of seven men and five women recommended mercy for two of the defendants, Robert Berry, 17, and George Brown, 18. These two will be sentenced to life imprisonment.

John Vazvorich, 19, will be sentenced to death in the electric chair, the mandatory penalty for conviction on first-degree murder charges without a recommendation for mercy. —United Press.

Persian Elections

MOSSADEGH EXPECTED TO WIN

Teheran, Dec. 18. Persia's general elections, expected to sweep Premier Mohammed Mossadegh to power with a big majority, began today in Teheran and the Northern provinces bordering Russia.

In all, 136 seats of the Majlis (Lower House) are at stake. In the old House the Prime Minister's National Front Party held only seven seats, but observers forecast that it would emerge as the strongest party in Parliament after the elections.

The polling, preceded by certain preliminaries, will last several days in most districts. But it may be many months before the results come in from the remote provinces.

The National Front led the fight for oil nationalisation, and Dr. Mossadegh is seeking more support in the Majlis.

In the old House there were two "hard" camps: one of 20 Deputies each, one supporting the Government and one opposing it.

In Teheran there are about 800 candidates, most of them members of the National Front. They are contesting 12 city seats. —Reuter.

Bitter Weather Hits US

Causes Many Deaths

Chicago, Dec. 18. A series of wind-driven snowstorms and bitter cold waves rolled across the northern half of the country today with more than 200 persons already dead from the siege of bad weather that started last Friday.

At least 206 deaths were blamed directly or indirectly on the cold. Sixty persons died on slippery or snow-clogged highways. Eighty-one died of heart attacks. Eighteen persons died of exposure or freezing and 41 others in fires or miscellaneous mishaps.

Many roads in the Middle West were closed, or open only to one-way traffic. Schools were closed and some factories shut down. No relief was in sight.

MORE SNOW ON WAY

Weather forecasters said the new snow that swept from Nebraska to the Atlantic seaboard would be followed by a cold wave tonight. Then there will be more snow tomorrow and an even worse cold wave on Thursday.

The northern part of the States was blanketed in snow ranging from 10 to 24 inches with the cold preventing the snow from melting. The big Middle Western cities were stifled in drifts that left thousands of cars stranded and public transportation failing to keep on schedule.

New York City was covered in ice from freezing rain that crippled airline operations, halted some bus services. Trucks and cars clogged the streets leading into the metropolis, lying where they had been abandoned by their drivers. New England was warned to expect three snowfalls before Christmas Day. —United Press.

HURDLE CLEARED

Bonn, Dec. 18. Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's government today cleared one hurdle in its fight for ratification of the Schuman coal-steel pool plan. The West German Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee voted for it, 12 to 7. —Associated Press.

"The Voice" In London



Newly-wed Ava Gardner helps her husband, Frank Sinatra, to light his pipe in their London hotel room. Both appeared recently in a matinee in aid of the National Playing Fields Association, of which the Duke of Edinburgh is President. — London Express Photo.

Eden-Salah Pasha Talks: No Progress Reported

Paris, Dec. 18.

Mr. Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, and Salah el Din Pasha, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, made no progress tonight towards reconciling the widely separated views of the British and Egyptian Governments on the Anglo-Egyptian dispute, it was understood in usually well-informed diplomatic quarters.

Abdul Fattah Amr Pasha, Egypt's Ambassador to Britain, was present at this evening's hour-long meeting of the two Foreign Ministers at the British Embassy.

Mr. Eden, it is understood, tried to establish common ground by discussing the circumstances in which British troops in the Canal Zone and the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan could be accepted as a basis for further negotiations.

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Meanwhile, the part that Sir Mohammed Zafarullah Khan, Pakistan's Foreign Minister, may have played in trying to bring the two sides together was the subject of much speculation in United Nations quarters tonight.

Sir Mohammed had a long talk with Salah el Din Pasha this morning and this evening saw Mr. Eden after the meeting between the Egyptian and British Ministers.

He saw Salah el Din Pasha again this evening immediately after returning from the British Embassy.

A British spokesman said tonight Sir Mohammed had called on Mr. Eden for "a general review" of United Nations affairs before departing for Karachi.

An Egyptian spokesman described the Eden-Salah el Din Pasha meeting as "cordial." He refused to say whether another meeting between the two statesmen was contemplated. —Reuter.

ACTION THREATENED

Cairo, Dec. 18. A British military spokesman threatened today that "clearing a military road through Ismailia may be one of the things we will have to do" to counter Egyptian guerrilla activity.

Ten days ago the British army flattened a tiny Arab village to build a military road near another trouble spot in the canal zone, Suez City.

Churchill Pledges Support For European Army

BUT BRITAIN WILL NOT JOIN IT

Paris Talks Communique

Paris, Dec. 18.

Mr. Winston Churchill pledged tonight that Britain will support and work with a European army "in all the stages of its political and military development" — but not join it.

The pronouncement immediately posed the question whether Mr. Churchill's moral support without participation would be enough to restore the waning enthusiasm of some European countries for the one-uniform international army.

But the best sources said Mr. Churchill's visit, in preparation for his talks with President Harry Truman in Washington next month, may have results that will lead to the actual merger of European forces, including German, in Western defence.

Mr. Churchill's position was stated in a joint British-French communique after he had lunched with General Dwight D. Eisenhower, strong advocate of the European Army idea, and had two days of talks between himself and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden on the one side, and French Premier Rene Pleven and Foreign Minister Robert Schuman on the other. Discussions with President Vincent Auriol and W. Averell Harriman, chairman of the North Atlantic economic planners, also were sandwiched in.

Gen. Eisenhower was believed to have told Mr. Churchill that England should "come in or stay out" and engage in no half-way measures.

Mr. Churchill's reported answer was that England would stay out, but would make a statement promising full co-operation with any international army the Europeans may organize.

The communique said Mr. Churchill and Mr. Eden told their French opposite numbers that Britain would "welcome" an agreement on a European Army now being worked out by France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

Both France and England, it continued, were "convinced that such an agreement would be the right method of integrating a democratic Germany in a purely defensive organisation for European security."

Britain "will associate itself as closely as possible with the European defence community at all stages of its political and military development," it said, adding:

"The United Kingdom forces, under the direction of the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe (Eisenhower) will be linked with those of the European defence community for training, supply and operations by land, sea and air. They will stand together in true comradeship."

Malcolm MacDonald's Future

(From Kenneth Macaulay) Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 18.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald's future—whether he will continue his task as Commissioner-General in South-East Asia or terminate his responsibilities at the end of his tour of duty—may be decided tomorrow.

A ten-minute talk at Singapore Airport tomorrow afternoon, just before Mr. Oliver Lyttelton takes off for Britain after his 20,000-mile tour of the Far East is likely to determine the issue.

In Kuala Lumpur tonight, Mr. Lyttelton said that Mr. MacDonald had asked to see him. The Colonial Secretary added: "He will tell me exactly what he feels about his future. Personal considerations are involved and Mr. MacDonald's own views will carry the greatest weight with the Cabinet."

The final touches to Mr. Lyttelton's Report on his tour of Malaya and Hongkong were completed in Kuala Lumpur tonight. It will not be published but it will be submitted to the Cabinet as a State document. — London Express Service.

"The British ministers took the occasion to express their pleasure at approval by the French Assembly of the Schuman Plan. They hope that the Plan would soon come into effect and reaffirmed the intention of His Majesty's Government to enter into close relations with high authority as soon as it was constituted."

"His Majesty's Government propose to set up a permanent delegation at the seat of the authority for this purpose."

"The British ministers declared His Majesty's Government plans to maintain armed forces on the continent of Europe to fulfil their obligations in the common cause."

"His Majesty's Government will welcome a conclusion of an agreement between the six countries participating in the Paris conference."

"Both Governments are convinced that such an agreement offers the right method of integrating a democratic Germany in a purely defensive organisation for European security."

"This would be a major step towards structure of a United Europe. It would strengthen the defence of the North Atlantic Area."

Tallulah In The Witness-Box

New York, Dec. 18.

Actress Tallulah Bankhead, peering at an all-male jury through rose-rimmed spectacles, today testified that she had never authorised her white-haired, 59-year-old former maid to increase the amounts of her weekly expense cheques.

The former maid and secretary, Mrs. Evelyn Cronin, is charged with a calling \$4,284 from Miss Bankhead during an 18-month period by forgery. The alleged forgeries consisted of raising the amounts of incidental expense cheques.

Mrs. Cronin's defence is that Miss Bankhead authorised and directed her to raise the amounts. Her defence counsel, Fred Moritt, told the jury in his opening statement that the cheques, in addition to payment of tips and sandwiches, also paid for such "incidentals" as liquor, cocaine and marijuana.

Called as the star State witness by the assistant District Attorney, Jerome Kidder, Miss Bankhead lightly dropped her misadventure into the hands of her own counsel and sat composedly in the witness chair.

When Mr. Kidder handed her 26 cheques which Mrs. Cronin had admitted raising and which constitute indictment evidence against the defendant, Miss Bankhead identified her signature on each and noted the amount on each.

"Is it a fact that all the cheques are of amounts in excess of \$100?" asked the prosecutor.

The actress answered "yes." She then testified that she had never signed an incidental expense cheque in excess of \$100.

"Can you tell us whether those cheques were drawn for the amount indicated when you signed them?" — "No."

"Did you at any time tell his defendant or any other person that he or she could increase the amount of a cheque drawn by you?" — "Never."

Mr. Kidder then asked if Mrs. Cronin had ever asked Miss Bankhead's permission to raise the amount of a cheque. "Never" was the reply. In all, the actress was on the stand for 25 minutes. — United Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Fruitful Discussions

THE talks which Mr. Churchill and Mr. Eden have had in Paris during the past two days appear to have been eminently successful and helpful, and even the carefully worded official communique shows that in consequence of the discussions the British and French governments have moved closer together on a number of common problems. M. Pleven has good reason to feel happy about Mr. Churchill's pledge to give the Schuman Plan as much moral and practical support as possible. The British Government has accepted the plan in principle, and while not prepared to go as far as having its armed forces merged into a European Army, has promised that it will continue to maintain troops on the continent in fulfilment of obligations. Britain will also actively identify itself with the Schuman Plan by appointing a permanent delegation to act as liaison with the six-power body which is to be constituted for the purpose of implementing the provisions of the plan. It can therefore be assumed that one outcome of the Paris talks is that French fears that Britain would repudiate the Schuman Plan have been set at rest. M. Pleven undoubtedly remains disappointed over the fact that Britain is not prepared to be associated with a European federation scheme as envisaged by France and Italy, and he understands now why a European Army cannot include British forces. But there are compensations. Britain remains a firm ally and will honour all her continental obligations. There is no question of France or any of the other West European countries being left in the lurch in the event of an emergency. It is the means and not the end over which there has been any difference of opinion and there is every reason to believe that whatever misander-

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On Ice At
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Daphne Walker and Sheila Hamilton, who play the leading roles in "Robinson Crusoe on Ice," seen during one of their acts at a dress rehearsal at the Empire Pool at Wembley. (Central Press)

A LONDON COMMENT:

Co-ordination Of Far East Policy Essential Step

London, Dec. 18.

British Far East policy under the new Conservative Government is examined by the "Eastern World."

The journal regrets that the Government does not make any more elaborate provision for the co-ordination of Far Eastern Affairs than its predecessor.

It points out that while in Opposition, Mr. Anthony Eden repeatedly admonished the Government on the "dire need for co-ordination of our policies in the area."

The impression that the co-ordination of Mr. Eden desired "was confined to the realm of strategy" was confirmed by the appointment of Lord Ismay as Secretary for Commonwealth Relations.

"Eastern World" continues: "It would seem that as far as the Far East is concerned, Lord Ismay's appointment is intended to co-ordinate the War Office and Colonial Office together with his own Ministry in the House of Lords."

"If this will prove the case, the weakness of the appointment would be that it does not appear to include the Foreign Office."

ESSENTIAL STEP
"It certainly does not supply the Westminster equivalent of the 'Common Sense' - General, Secretary of State."

The Foreign Secretary, it goes on, usually faced with an enormous amount of problems, has normally no time for detailed day-to-day study of what is perhaps the most complex area in the world.

"It seems, therefore, essential that some member of the Government should be specially charged with the surveillance of Asian affairs and with the supervision and correlation of the policies of the different departments of that area."

Turning to the question of economic relations with the Far East, members of the Commonwealth, the journal says, Mr. Butler's "realistic approach to the country's internal economic situation makes it certain that he will very soon examine the whole position of the sterling balances."

CRUCIAL TEST
"This will constitute a crucial test of Commonwealth goodwill and may be one of the most important tasks of the new Government as far as its relations with Asia are concerned."

Eastern World approves the appointment of Mr. Oliver Lyttelton to the Colonial Office. "With a wide administrative experience in Mr. Churchill's War Cabinet and as the chairman of one of Britain's greatest industrial concerns Mr. Lyttelton is likely to adopt a thoroughly practical and unprejudiced at-

Thousands Of Families Waiting Anxiously For P.O.W. Names

EXPECTED IN 48 HOURS

Tokyo, Dec. 19.

Allied Headquarters today released the names of 3,198 Americans listed by the Communists as prisoners of war. The list was headed by Major Gen. William F. Dean, one of the great heroes of the Korean war.

A first quick study of the list failed to reveal the names of the Time and Life correspondent, Wilson Fielder, Agence France Presse correspondent Maurice Chanteloup, Associated Press correspondent William Moore and Mike Gigantis (Philip Deane) of International News, London Observer and Radio Athens.

The list, turned over to the Allied truce negotiators at Pan Mun Jom, was flown to Tokyo from Seoul in a B-26 light bomber. General Matthew Ridgway's Office began listing the war prisoners almost immediately.

Thousands of families in the United States waited anxiously as the Army announced it had begun to receive the names.

Pentagon officials expected the whole list would be handled within 48 hours, barring transport troubles or delay caused by errors.

Actual exchange of prisoners is still in the offing, subject to the successful termination of long-drawn-out Korean truce talks.

The Army is to check the enemy-applied list of POWs against U.S. military records of those missing in action, then release names with home town addresses. Air Force, Navy and Marine names will also be issued through the Army.

Meanwhile, the Pentagon announced that total U.S. battle casualties in Korea were 103,000, an increase of 433 since last week.

For many thousands, the publication of names of prisoners will mean a pre-Christmas gift of joy and thanksgiving.

To thousands of others, the lists can mean only grief and the ebbing of long-cherished hope.

LITTLE OVER A FOURTH

The list turned over by the Communists is little more than one-fourth of the 11,051 Americans officially cited as missing in action. And the Reds say it covers all the prisoners of war in their hands.

There is still a chance, however, that some of the missing are hidden out behind enemy lines, as numerous Japanese did in the Pacific Islands long after the end of World War II.

Officials point out that others, still missing, but not listed by the enemy, may have died in battle.

The drama of transmitting the names from the Korean battlefield via Tokyo to the United States began to unfold late this afternoon after a day of zig-zag confusion over the method of getting the list out.

Military authorities in Washington and Tokyo stress there can be no guarantee as to the accuracy of the Communist list. The Pentagon said in a statement.

"It must be emphasized that the Defence Department cannot vouch for the accuracy of names as listed. The incidence of errors, omissions or fictitious additions is not known."—Associated Press and United Press.

Socialists Win In French India

Pondicherry, Dec. 18.

The French Indian Socialist Party, now in power, has won all 39 seats in the elections to the representative assembly of the five settlements of French India, it was officially announced here today.

Nationalist parties, campaigning for a merger with India boycotted the elections. The assembly controls the local affairs of the French territory.—Reuter.

Mossadegh Under Fire In Parliament

Teheran, Dec. 18.

The Governor of Tehran today named a 36-man Council which will set in motion the complicated machinery of Iran's general election.

The Council includes merchants, landowners, farmers, tradesmen, clergymen and other influential citizens.

The Council will name 18 of its members to an electoral board to run the balloting in the nation's 78 voting districts. The board will fix the dates for the election.

Balloting is expected to continue for some time.

In the Lower House of Parliament, Deputy Manoucher Teymoursh attacked the Government for trying to sell oil to the Soviet bloc and warned that Iran would become a prey to Communism shortly.

He said it was "very strange" that the Premier, Mohamed Mossadegh, who forced out a government in 1946 which was willing to sell oil to the Russians should now try to make a deal with the Soviets.

A Government spokesman said that Iran has not definitely decided whether to take part in the Hague hearings on Britain's complaint over the seizure of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

But the spokesman predicted that Iran would win the case.—United Press.

Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. Renews Warning

London, Dec. 18.

The Anglo-Iranian Oil Company is again giving wide publicity to its warning that if any concerns or individuals entered into transactions with Persia on oil from the company's concession area, the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company would take all necessary action to protect its rights in any country.

The advertisements were being republished in the world press. This follows Persia's ultimatum of December 10 that if countries which formerly bought oil from the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company do not sign new contracts with the nationalised oil company within ten days, the oil would be sold to other countries.

The Anglo-Iranian Oil Company first published its warning last September.—Reuter.

Her Own Books

London, Dec. 18.

Miss Winifred Lillian Martin, aged 59, authoress of *Blair Cottage*, *Bucks Hill*, *King's Langley*, *Herts*, who admitted stealing two children's books written by herself from a bookshop, was conditionally discharged at Watford.

Bolivian Plot Uncovered

La Paz, Bolivia, Dec. 18.

A source in the Interior Ministry said today the Bolivian government has uncovered and foiled a revolutionary plot that extended to all parts of this tin-rich Republic.

Police said the plot was engineered by members of the Nationalist Revolutionary Movement (MNR), a political organisation opposed to the military government now in power. Police arrested 30 persons in La Paz last night. The city was quiet today.—Associated Press.

PLANNING A PARTY IN GAOL

London, Dec. 18.

Solomon Aschkenasy, colourful 74-year-old "star" of Manchester's Bankruptcy Court, left Strangeways gaol—with a carnation in his buttonhole and smoking a 4s. 6d. cigar.

A Rolls met him to drive him to his home at Wittington.

Solomon had been six days in gaol. Judge Harold Rhodes committed him for contempt because he would not name a man with whom he said, he was engaged in a textile deal which would bring him £10,000. His debts total £4,000. Said Solomon: "I treated me very well inside."

"I was in the prison hospital. I preached a sermon at the prison synagogue last Saturday."

He plans to go back to Strangeways at Christmas to entertain the prisoners, patients, and staff of the hospital to dinner.

"It is all laid on," he said. "There will be turkey, a quarter-bottle of champagne for everybody, and whisky. There should be 50 or 60 people there."

Judge Rhodes ordered Solomon's release after he swore that he regretted not obeying the judge.

DISMISSED AS FANTASY

Rome, Dec. 18.

The extreme Left-wing newspaper *Avanti* alleged today that 14 spies "parachuted into Albania last Spring" were picked up by the security police and forced to send "110 false coded messages" to the Italian Interior Minister, Mr. Mario Scelba, before they were sentenced for espionage.

A spokesman for the Italian Foreign Office said that the article was "fantasy."

The newspaper, in a special dispatch from Tirana, Albanian capital, said that two were sentenced to death on October 10 and 12 others to prison terms ranging from seven months to 20 years.—United Press.

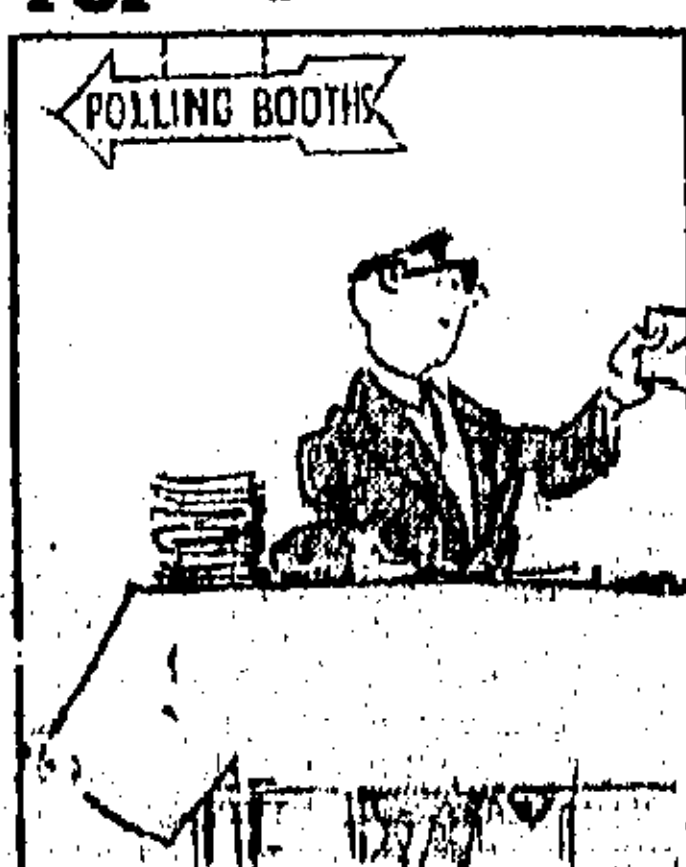
Xmas Midnight Mass At Vatican

Vatican City, Dec. 18.

Pope Pius will celebrate a Christmas midnight Mass which will be broadcast to the world, it was announced today.

The Mass will be held probably in the Vatican's Matilda Chapel and will be attended by the diplomatic corps to the Vatican as well as high prelates in Rome at that time.—Associated Press.

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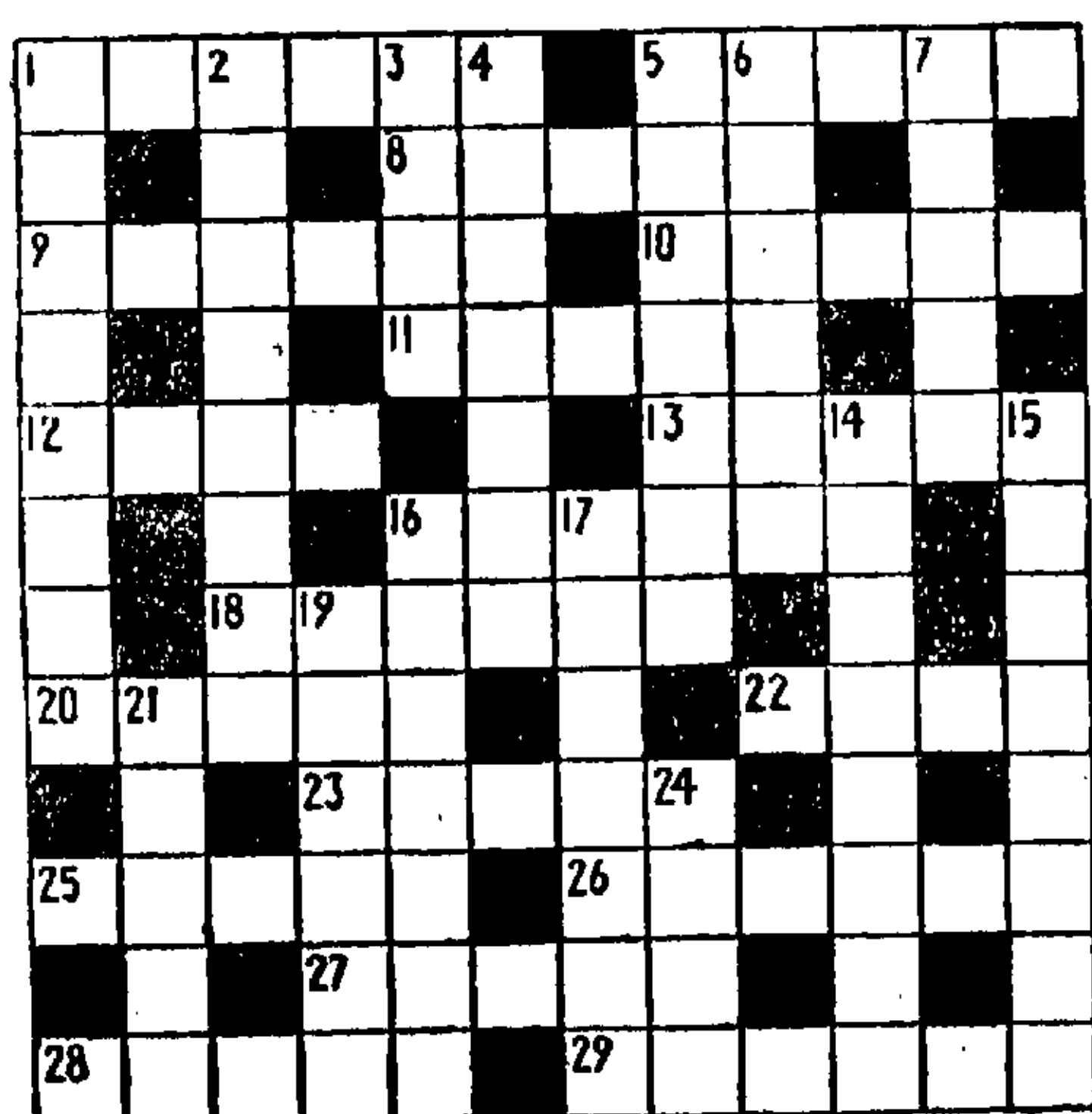


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1 Seniors (8). Dance (5).
8 Scare (5).
9 Recurrence (6).
10 Financial check (5).
11 Danger (5).
12 Learning (4).
13 Conscience (5).
14 Distant (6).
15 Native servant (8).
16 Reside (5).
17 Tramp (4).
18 Assumed name (5).
19 African animal (5).
20 Annoy (6).
21 Material (5).
22 Burnt remains (5).
23 Wears away (6).
DOWN
1 Enlisted (8).
2 Give an account of (8).
3 Slope (4).
4 Special railway compartment (7).
5 Renegade (7).
6 Charm (6).
7 Clutches (5).
8 Rebelled (8).
9 Authorises (8).
10 Recovers (7).
11 Mixture (7).
12 Pass by (6).
13 Routes (5).
14 Prophet (4).
YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Kind; 7 Trial; 8 Anon; 9 Lead; 10 Ottoman; 12 Ogre; 13 Obed; 14 Baby; 15 Halse; 21 Agree; 22 Part; 23 Spout; 24 Hunt; 25 Rudiment; 26 Ruler; 31 Diver; 32 Revue; 33 Pike. Down: 1 Wrath; 2 Papoose; 4 Ingle; 5 Dado; 6 Moor; 8 Lazy; 11 Mope; 13 Girl; 14 Eyes; 16 Dread; 17 Cash; 18 Erin; 20 Arrived; 22 Peak; 23 Prank; 24 Shout; 27 Unit; 28 Trap.

LONDON FEARS OF BREAK IN STERLING AREA

London, Dec. 18. Anxiety is mounting here over the threat of a rift in the Sterling Area. It is feared that some of its prominent members may walk out. Unofficial Australian moves for a separation from the joint dollar pool of the area were considered here a first indication that the Sterling Area set-up was in grave peril.

The growing British deficit during the week ending Dec. 15 was blamed for the situation. Exports urged the Government to take the drastic measures to meet the threat while there was still time. The anxiety was caused by a suggestion from Australia's leading economist, Sir Douglas Copland, whose advice the Government had followed frequently on previous occasions. He said the Dominion should free itself from the dollar pool.

Sir Douglas has been to official talks with the effect of a dollar pool, however, the suggestion followed by the Dominion's decision by the British Government of a step towards a dollar pool. Sir Douglas has been to official talks with the effect of a dollar pool, however, the suggestion followed by the Dominion's decision by the British Government of a step towards a dollar pool.

Australia, among other Commonwealth members, has run up a considerable surplus with the Sterling Area lately because of large wool sales. The proposed plan is believed to be based on Australia's growth of wool and American loans. To face his immigration schemes, Australia apparently is using that American investment capital might flow into the country more readily under such arrangements. Acceptance of the Australian plan, however, would mean that Australia could extend her credit in future to Britain. Australia is contending that a few years ago she had a deficit with the Sterling Area and was a debtor. The Treasury has disclosed that the Sterling balance of the United Kingdom has risen in the first half of the current year.

Beating The Air But Not Eggs

Moscow, Dec. 18. Soviet technicians have spent 35,000 roubles (£3,125) in designing a machine to beat eight eggs at once but it never worked. Pravda, the Communist party newspaper said today. They also spent 250,000 roubles on a fruit juice presser, Pravda added. Moscow soft drink dealers are still waiting to receive the machine that works. Pravda reported these in connection with the dismissal of 38 researchers and 18 employees of the Institute of Research into domestic trade machines for "being engaged in beating the air" to the tune of millions of wasted roubles.—Reuter.

Love Affair 'Was Broken Up'

London, Dec. 18. Angela Tarrant, aged 40 of Brentvale, Avenue, Alperton, Middlesex, and her boy-friend, disengaged. "We might as well break it up," he said. Twenty minutes later she threw herself in front of a tube train. The coroner said: "Young people are entitled to conduct their love affairs as they wish." Verdict: Suicide while her mind was disturbed.

Strike Threat To U.S. Steel Industry

Washington, Dec. 18. Price Director Michael V. Di Salle said today peace in the steel industry "will not be bought with an unjustified price increase." Di Salle made this statement to reporters after the government had moved to bring about negotiations in an effort to head off the strike threatened for Dec. 31.

Mr. Cyrus S. Ching, Federal Mediation Director, has asked representatives of 10 companies and the United Steel Workers Union to meet him on Thursday.

BOY OF 5 AND UNCLE AGED 8

London, Dec. 18. Five-year-old Ronnie Carter and his eight-year-old uncle Jimmy Pettyfoot were said to have

Knocked down front garden walls brick by brick.

Pulled down a wooden fence with a rope.

Frightened cyclists from Glyndfardd road, Harlesden, by steering it with broken milk bottles.

Shouted bad language through letter boxes.

Scared neighbours' children.

The accusations were made at Willesden County Court when Mrs. Florence Dykes asked for possession of the flat shared by Mr. George Pettyfoot with his daughter's husband, Mr. John Carter, and family.

The opposition was assessed by Judge Sir Henry Brand. He said: "Of Johnny Pettyfoot: 'A vulgar little boy but I am reluctant to visit the sins of the child on the father.'"

THE ONLY ONE

Of Mr. Pettyfoot, 5ft., 50-year-old milkman, said to be the only person in the flat who did not use bad language: "He is unable to say boo to several geese, but he may be able to say boo to his own if given a chance."

"There are too many people in this flat, and the poor little man, who is a decent fellow, has never had a chance to manage the household."

The judge ordered Mr. Carter to leave the flat with his wife and three children by January 15. Mr. Pettyfoot could stay so long as his family commits no further nuisance. Mrs. Dykes was awarded costs.

Heroic Rescue From Blazing Ship

Hull, Dec. 18. Skipper Robert Turner came down the gang plank of his trawler, Reighton Wyke, here last night after a long and adventurous voyage and was handed an official letter from the Government of Iceland. The letter thanked him for going to the rescue of an oil-driven Icelandic fishing boat ablaze in mid-ocean. Her crew of 15 were taken off after Skipper Turner succeeded in getting the Reighton Wyke alongside despite intense heat and licking flames. The British skipper took the burning ship in tow. Later he handed her over to an Icelandic gunboat, which raced to the scene. Last night Skipper Turner carefully folded the letter, put it in his pocket and said: "We lost 24 hours' fishing—but it was worth it."—Reuter.

CATHOLIC CONVERT'S MARRIAGE

Vatican City, Dec. 18. The Vatican announced today that Pope Pius XII had authorized a German Lutheran pastor, converted to Catholicism, to be ordained a priest while still retaining his wife. A communique stated that the Pope had granted this special dispensation from the law of celibacy imposed on Catholic priests. The Vatican press office pointed out that the former pastor, Konrad Gehrke of Mainz, a descendant of a German poet, is aged 70. It was understood that his wife is also 70. The press office added that the exceptional nature of the dispensation confirms that nothing is changed in the general discipline of the Church with regard to the celibacy of the clergy. In the Catholic Church of the Eastern Rite, celibacy is not imposed on Spanish priests. But those who marry are normally excluded from promotion to the rank of bishop or above. In the case of Father Gehrke, who is a descendant of a German poet, there is no bar to promotion. He could, in theory, rise to the rank of bishop, or archbishop and cardinal even, if he were to be promoted.—Reuter.

Corruption Alleged In High Places

Karachi, Dec. 18. The Sind Province Governor, Sir Mohammed, today gave the Sind "strong man" Chief Minister Mohammed Ali Khuhro, 24 hours to resign and to stand his trial on corruption charges. He also demanded the resignation within 24 hours of the Home Minister, Kazi Fazlullah. Both ministers will be tried by a special judicial tribunal on charges of corruption and abuse of power. "If these gentlemen do not resign within 24 hours they will be removed," the Governor told a press conference today. A third minister of the Government, Sir Mohammed Shah, of the Public Works Department, also announced his resignation today. This will leave only two ministers in office—the Revenue Minister and the Food Minister.—Reuter.

Xmas Revue For RAF In Korea

Tokyo, Dec. 18. The RAF's 91 Wing personnel from Japan staged their Christmas revue yesterday for the Australian Motor Squadron at the R.A.F. station in Korea. Leading Aircraftman John Nunn played the part of "Danny Kaye," Corporal Ted Moore of Sydney, Corporal Stan Tidwell and Leading Aircraftman Reg Miller of West Australia, played the roles of "The Andrews Sisters." Tidwell produced and wrote the script. A Can Can ballet, a two act farce and a sketch, "The Trainee Padre" highlighted the show.—Reuter.

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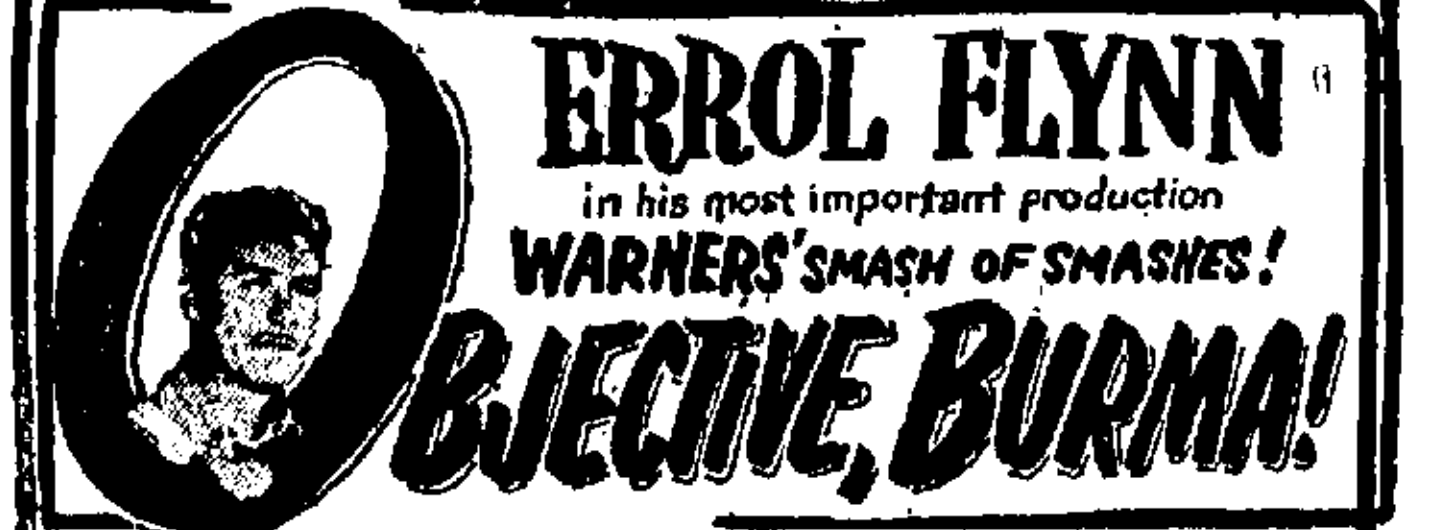
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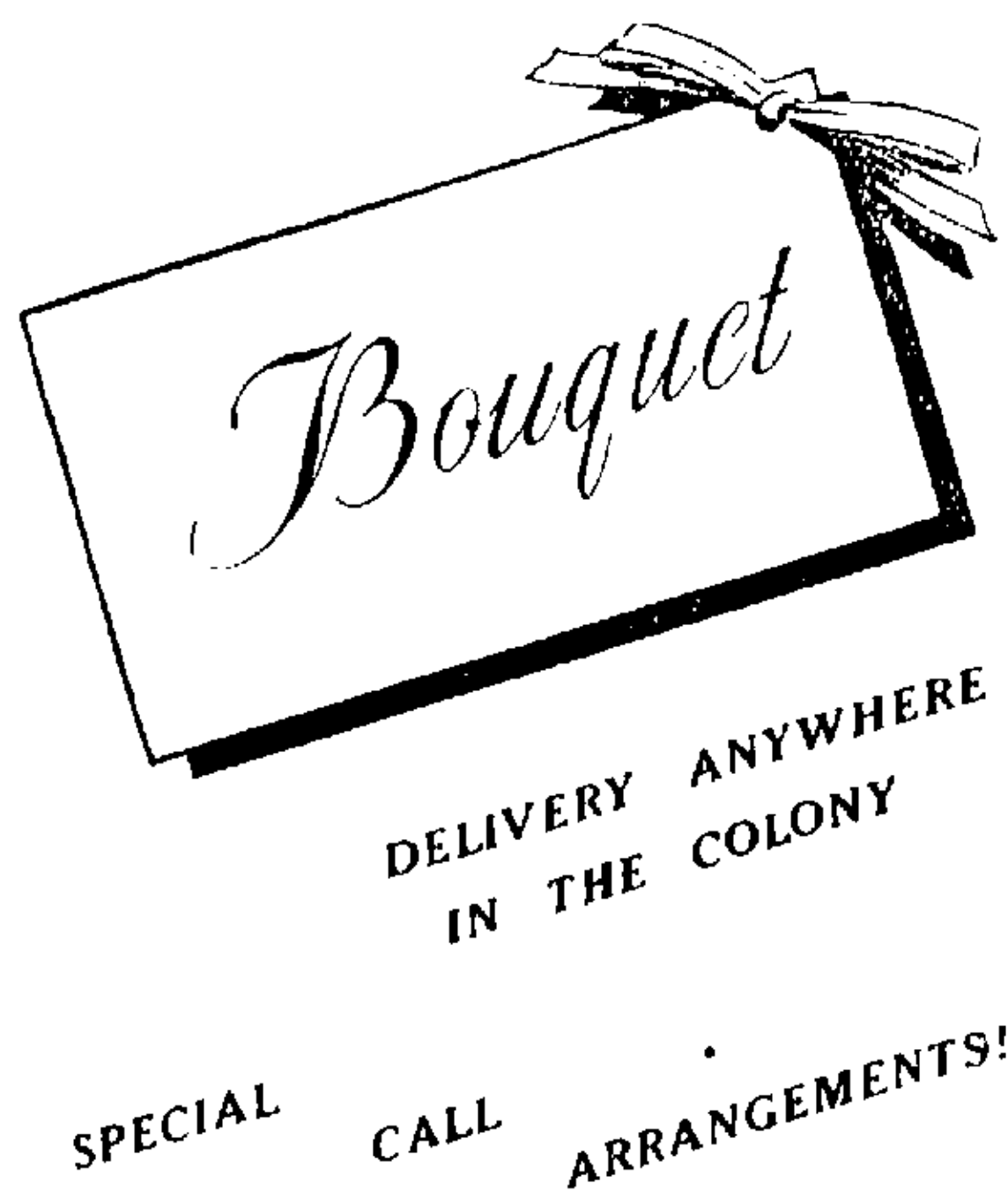


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London Express Service

An Evening at the Soviet Embassy

By
Beverley
Baxter

THE Charge d'Affaires of the Soviet Embassy would be glad of the presence of Mr and Mrs Beverley Baxter at a recital to be given by Nadezhda Kazantseva, People's Artist of the Russian Socialist Federation of Soviet Republics, and the Stalin Prize Winner.

So read the invitation which reached my house. I had not been to the Soviet Embassy since one night shortly after the Munich period, when a lot of us, including Neville Chamberlain, turned up to celebrate the anniversary of the Revolution.

Stalin's portrait beamed from the top of the stairway, no formal dress was worn, and a number of long-haired British guests smoked pipes as though to prove not only their political but social emancipation.

None of us anticipated that within a few months Russia and Germany would sign the infamous non-aggression pact that gave Hitler the "All clear" for his war.

To go or not to go, that was the question. Would a visit to Millionaires' Row in Kensington mark me as a fellow traveller? As I am sailing for New York soon shall I be

investigated by the F.B.I. on arrival? Then I learned that my staunch Tory colleague, Colonel Cuthbert Alport, M.P., was going, so the invitation was accepted.

Not strangers

WE were not entirely among strangers. There was Sydney Silverman, who had just returned to the Commons after a five-day suspension, there was that genial Left-wing wit Emrys Hughes, who married Keir Hardie's daughter, there was Geoffrey Bing, who bangs away from the Socialist benches with good effect, and there was John Platts-Mills, the New Zealand Rhodes Scholar (now father of five sons), who was expelled for his extreme views by the Socialist Party in 1949.

Hardly a collection likely to embarrass our hosts by bursting into "Rule, Britannia!"

Seriously, the Russians had it all over us. We were in mufti, but all the embassy officials were in dinner jackets.

The Persian Ambassador was formally garbed, and my wife, who notes these things, tells me that the ambassador's lady wore a Persian lamb coat, a Persian lamb hat, and a Persian red rose.

The Bulgarian Minister also graced the gathering, and so did the deputy mayors of Stalingrad, who looked like a good woman and probably is one.

Buxom winner

FIRST of all we had some piano numbers by a Russian gentleman, in immaculate tails, and then the buxom prize winner came on the scene to entertain us with her songs.

From R. M. MacColl

Ike's Deadline

FEBRUARY 1 is the deadline for Eisenhower. For by then, say his most powerful political backers, the general will have to declare whether he is going for the Presidency or not.

LIFE in a boiler factory sums up for the American the worst kind of noisy surroundings. But 232 employees in the giant Bethlehem Steel Company's shipyard at Hoboken, New Jersey, are seeing for 5,000,000 dollars (£1,750,000) damages. They say the noise is so awful that they have all gone more or less deaf.

IN RICHMOND, Virginia, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the South Presbyterian Church, the Rev. J. R. McCain, urged that women be accepted as church elders and deacons in order to help "match the fervour of Communist adherents."

IN gentle ironical vein, the New York Herald-Tribune's dramatic critic, Walter Kerr writes of "Nina," the Gloria Swanson comedy just opened on Broadway: "Now that actresses have taken to reviewing their own shows from out of town, there is not too much work left for a drama reporter to do. Gloria Swanson announced from Philadelphia that the class in

her current vehicle "Nina" were bad. She is quite right."

WHAT do you do if you find a dud atomic bomb? Answer: Don't touch it — just tell the police.

For posing this question—and getting the answer—12-year-old Barbara Blair, of Trenton, New Jersey, is awarded a special gold medal by the local Civil Defence authorities.

HUGE STOCKS of Scotch in New York's bursting warehouses — a million gallons more than last year. Reasons: Britain's dollar drive, brisk Canadian competition, and the effort to "beat" the November 1 tax rise — which was spoiled by the deck strike.

A PHRASE which has passed into the classics of Americana is "Say it ain't so, Joe." The words were uttered by a weeping small boy back in 1918, and they were addressed to his hero, a baseball player called "Shoeless Joe" Jackson.

Alas it was so. Jackson was declared guilty of having helped "throw" the World (baseball) Series in one of the biggest sports sensations in American history, and he was barred for life. Now, in Greenville, South Carolina, aged 68 and maintaining his innocence, to the last, Shoeless Joe is dead.

She was a comfortable-looking, middle-aged woman with a happy face and a coloratura soprano of fine crystal quality.

At first her low notes were marred by a tremolo, but this disappeared. When she let her voice go full out it was impressive. I don't know what Stalin's qualities as a music critic may be but he made no mistake in awarding this year's People's Prize, whatever that may mean, to Madame Kazantseva.

Afterwards the vodka appeared and we mixed on easy terms with the embassy officials.

Conversation was limited by the difficulties of language, but I was assured in halting English over and over again that Russia did not want war, and in return I assured my hosts over and over again in fluent English that Britain did not want war.

Outside those I have mentioned there was no one there whom I had ever seen before. The staff of the Soviet Embassy are marooned in their handsome house, grimly apart from the life and people of Britain. Perhaps it does not matter, for one must assume that their reports to Moscow are not objective but in strict conformity with the party line.

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worky? Music is a universal language, but so is cruelty. Perhaps I should discuss all this with the eminent American columnist Westbrook Pegler, who, like Count Smolensk in "Pickwick Papers," has come to study conditions in Britain. Mr Pegler is a thick-set man with a vigorous denunciatory style and a serious face which unexpectedly breaks into an attractive smile.

Politically he is so far to the Right that Sir Waldron Smithers could only talk to him in sign language.

Mr Pegler believes in Colonel McCormick, Wall Street, American isolationism, and the wickedness of the Roosevelts.

WHEN he dined at my house he indicated quite clearly that compared to the Roosevelts the Borgias were respectable middle-class commuters.

Mr Pegler writes a regular column for 200 American newspapers, and he hits hard. I gather that he takes a poor view of our economic future, but experts have been doing that for a thousand years.

On second thoughts I had better not tell him about my night behind the Iron Curtain in London.

(London Express Service)

A bridge?

THE morning after the party at the embassy I read some screaming headlines in the Daily Worker based on the trial of five Canadian nuns by the Chinese Communists. "The facts behind this trial," wrote this odd newspaper, "amount to the worst case of cruelty to children in history." These foul, obscene words were written and printed by Britons.

What is there about Communism that destroys human dignity and exalts lying to supreme virtue?

Look on this and this.... The buxom soprano at the embassy with the voice of a Muscovite Galli-Curi pleasuring us with her music.... Five helpless Canadian sisters of mercy being paraded before screaming Communist Chinese mobs demanding torture and death for their Christian service to little children.

How can we build a bridge of understanding between these

It's so like Berlin, you expect a new Hitler

by WILLIAM HAMSHER

TEHERAN.

LIVING in Teheran these days is like living in Berlin back in 1932, just when Hitler was coming to power.

Mossadegh is facing the biggest challenge since that day last May when he tottered up the steps in the Majlis, dashed away his tears, and vowed by the 99 names of Allah that he would win for Persia the oil income of \$300,000 a day.

Many a tear has been shed since then, and many a mile flown in search of loans and allies. But just how much cash is coming into the coffer? None.

SMASHED UP

Now, newspapers which have criticised Mossadegh for his failure have been smashed up. Hitler's Brown Shirts would have made a neater, quicker job of the wrecking and the newspaper burning.

But Mossadegh's hooligans are young yet. Persia's troubles are all due, says Mossadegh, to the wily foreigners. (Hitler used to say that, too.)

Honest inquiries about when the Persians might expect to collect the oil money—now that the "clawing criminals" of the British oil company are ousted—are met with windy explanations.

The usual line is that since these criminals' claws are growing all the time, they still reach far into Persia.

So the British are "clearly to blame for these riots." And then they "financed the newspapers too."

HAIL, PAKISTAN!

Mossadegh's Ministers were hysterically delighted when Pakistan was elected a member of the Security Council. This means, they aver, that Persia is bound to sway the Security Council in her favour if ever she comes before the Council again.

And Mossadegh always has Farouk. (Remember when Hitler yelled "Forward the Fatherland! The Finns and Slovaks stand shoulder to shoulder with us!")

Yet the Persian opposition could topple Mossadegh once and for all.

Trouble is, they can never get together. They are split into many factions. And, of course, they are frightened. Any Majlis member who voted against a Mossadegh vote of confidence might find himself knifed, within minutes. There the parallel with Hitler's under-cover thugs is complete.

Sitting on the Fence.... by

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

FUTURE Home

Guardsmen are fortunate that Mr Shinwell's amendment to the Home Guard Bill to include women in the force was reduced to a comparatively harmless clause admitting them as unarmed cooks and telephonists.

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have pheasant, either. Do you mind if we go home, dear?

Go home? We've only just come out.

I'm feeling rather faint, dear. Just like a woman to spoil an evening when a man's enjoying himself.

Christmas Carol

"Small gentlemen up to three inches taller in our own bespoke shoes...." — Advertisement.

COME, cheer up little gentlemen, may nothing you dismay.

I wish you joy and happiness this coming Christmas Day. For then, in shining shoes bespoken, with added inches three.

Your little hand may reach the top of any Christmas tree.

Oh, lucky little gentlemen, no more to skip and hop. To grab at richer prizes which are always at the top. For life is like a Christmas tree my little gentlemen all; The world is kinder to the strong, the handsome and the tall.

No more my little gentlemen shall lovely women frown. On gallant little gentlemen; no more shall they look down. With callous, half-amused grimace, with haughty look askance.

When gallant little gentlemen are pleading for a dance.

Oh, tragic little gentlemen, oh, gallant gentlemen small. Like Cinderella dancing at the Fairy Prince's ball. So soon to doff the magic shoes that like glass slippers shone.

A little gentleman asked his borrowed inches gone. —(London Express Service)

HOW AMERICA BEATS THE HORSE-DOPERS

By RICHARD GREENOUGH

New York.

Doping, stimulating, and otherwise doctoring racehorses was a multi-million-dollar business in the United States for some jockeys, trainers, and even a few owners, until only a few years ago.

At one time, after the New York Jockey Club lost all-over control of racing throughout the country at the beginning of the century and State Racing Commissions were set up, many of the best-known figures of gangland were able to secure licences to own or train racehorses.

Very few could tell the difference between withers and other tests at 4,776 races during the first six months of this year, only three were found to have been stimulated.

During the same period, an approximately the same number of races last year, the same number of cases, and the 1949 figure was 14. A variety of methods of testing for stimulation may soon put this number, with the finger, into a thing of the past. Drayton admits, and apparently with some reason.

Before the appointment of the local State Racing Commissions, jockeys by the T.R.A. were doing their best, and still are, to outguess the "doctoring" of a horse by the jockeys and trainers, but also, terms of punishment were given.

PRISON SENTENCES

The groom of a wealthy California owner, Robert Howard, an end of a few years ago, long ago, for "doctoring" a horse, and a few years ago, Tom Smith, one of America's best-known trainers, was suspended for a year for stimulating one of his stable, thereby cutting himself off from an approximate annual income of \$30,000-\$50,000. Smith had been found spraying a horse's throat with a solution before a race, or, in the case of a horse, to ease its breathing, but this was found to be a stimulant.

FEW OFFENDERS

Code, however, does not mention Drayton, whose only previous suspension was for a race, and who has set up his own handicapped miniature F.H.I. in the racing business to cover the county's 37 "official" courses affiliated to the T.R.A.

One result was that the Bureau recently announced that

HKFA Council Meeting

Should We Send A Soccer Team To The Olympics?

Approximately \$50,000 will be available from the Swedish soccer series for the "Olympic, Empire and Asian Games Fund" of the Amateur Athletic Federation of Hongkong.

This information was revealed at the monthly Council meeting of the Hongkong Football Association which was held yesterday with Mr J. Skinner in the Chair.

The question as to whether or not Hongkong should send a soccer team to the Olympic Games at Helsinki next year was discussed at length by the meeting.

Certain members of the Council felt that unless Hongkong was able to send a team which would be a credit to the Colony, there was no purpose in taking part in the Games.

Mr Skinner said that it was necessary to send a team in order that the youngsters might see for themselves how football was played in other countries.

He said that the experience gained would be invaluable and that when they returned to Hongkong the players could impart the knowledge they had gained to other players.

It was decided that the matter be referred to the Olympic Games Sub-Committee.

Mr Skinner said that the Hongkong Table Tennis Association was sending a team to take part in the World Championships at Bombay and had approached the Amateur Athletic Federation of Hongkong for assistance.

FUNDS EARMARKED

As monies donated by different organisations to the Amateur Athletic Federation of Hongkong were earmarked for the Olympic, Empire and Asian Games, the Federation was seeking clarification as to whether any recognised World Championship would come within the same sphere as the Games indicated.

Following discussion on the point, it was agreed that the HKFA give its consent to the Federation assisting the Hongkong Table Tennis Association.

The question of referees not attending before the Emergency Sub-Committee on the day for hearing of a report sent in for discussion, it was decided that any referee who sent in a report must attend on the day appointed for hearing the report or send a letter to the Association.

The draw for the Memorial Cup Competition which will be played on January 1, 1952, resulted as follows: Civilian v Army at Caroline Hill; Kowloon Chinese v Hongkong Chinese at Boundary Street.

The winners of the R.A.F. v Navy match, which will be

SHIELD DRAW

The draw for the Quarter-Finals of the Senior Challenge Shield Competition resulted as follows:

Kowloon Motor Bus v Eastern; Sing Tao v Army; Kwong Wah v Kit Chee; Police v R.A.F.

The following is the draw for the Second Round of the Junior Challenge Shield Competition: Wayfoong v Taihook or China Motor Bus; Police v St. Joseph's; A.C. Joseph v Sing Tao; R.A.M.C. v R.N.F.B.; Western v Tramways; Kit Chee v C.A.A.; Solicitors v S. China.

The draw for the Quarter-Finals of the Junior Competition resulted as follows: Winners of Kit Chee/C.A.A. v Winners of Solicitors/S. China; Winners of Gymnastics/Sing Tao v Winners of St. Joseph's; B v Winners of Police/St. Joseph's; A v Winners of R.A.M.C./R.N.F.B.; Winners of Western/Tramways v Winners of Taihook/C.M.B.

DANISH VISIT

The meeting also decided upon the following dates for the games against the Danish team, which is due to arrive here on January 23; Sunday, January 27, Monday, January 28; Wednesday, January 30. A fourth match will be played, the date of which will be arranged later.

South China Athletic Association were given permission to visit Macao on December 23 for the purpose of playing a match in aid of Macao charities.

The meeting also approved of the visit to Macao of a team from the Hongkong Chinese Football Association for the purpose of playing a charity match to raise money for the Macao Rotary Club's Children's Christ Fund.

ENGLAND'S TEAM

The following have been selected to represent England in the International Charity Cup soccer match against China on December 28: Gamman (R.A.F.), Etheridge (Army), Barnard (R.A.F.), Rumbelow (Police), Tennant (Army), Lashley (Navy), Weller (Club), Coates (Navy), Hillard (Army), Higgins (Army), and Thomson (Army). Reserves: Bourton (Army), Andrews (R.A.F.), Kirkland (Army), Wilson (Army). Team manager—Mr W. B. Foster.

★★★ A SEAT IN THE STALLS ★★★

Tales Of Hoffmann

Powell And Pressburger

Have Seen The Highest Pinnacle

Says SUE DAWSON

Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger have seen the highest pinnacle; a perfect synthesis of all the arts in one creation, and bravely they have tried to reach it in "Tales of Hoffmann," which, with "A Matter of Life and Death" and "Red Shoes," completes a trio of the most outstanding order.

That they have not quite reached the summit with this dazzling film merely illustrates the Olympian task of such a synthesis when the creation demands the highest in music, singing, acting, mime and dancing; not to mention opera writing, choreography, artistry, composite photography and costuming.

And it is the first film to be made in this operatic manner, so that the artists could draw from no previous experience. These are no excuses; they are 'in situ' for it is a remarkable achievement.

NEATLY VOICED

A London critic has neatly voiced one of the main faults in the words "A high C from a singer, yes. A high kick from a dancer, certainly. But a dancer who can emit a high C while effecting a high kick—never!"

It is an inherent difficulty in opera-ballet, and the effect is least credible in the case of Robert Helpmann, whose very anatomy argues with the orotund basso profundo which emerges from his lips.

Leonide Massine sounds a little incongruous when an Owen Brannigan and Grahame Clifford voice. Only two of the cast—Robert Rounseville as Hoffmann and Ann Ayars as Antonia in the last tale, actually use their own voices. But the opera is not the most important part, which is as well, for the words could not be easily distinguished, although this was probably just the acoustics on that occasion.

EACH FULFILLED

Offenbach's music and the half-forgotten tales of a German lawyer who strangely blended the mystic and the real in his stories and poems, each fulfilled themselves in the combination.

It was Sir Thomas Beecham who first suggested that they should be combined on the screen. He became Supreme Musical Director for the production just three years after directing the music for the magnificent "Red Shoes," a film which will inevitably be compared with this.

A prologue to the tales shows Hoffmann making for Luther's tavern in the interval of the Dragonfly Ballet which he has been watching in the Nurnberg Opera House, and there, excited by the Prima Ballerina of the show who seems to him to embody all his past loves, he tells three tales of his life.

SEEMS UNNECESSARY

Through them all goes Pamela Brown as the Gentleman in waiting, the boy Nicklaus. It seems unnecessary that such an actress should take such a part, it is not even as if the soprano were her own.

Hoffmann as a young student in Paris is the time of the first tale—of Olympia. The tale of Giulietta shows Hoffmann a young man-of-the-world in Venice, and in the third, that of Antonia, he is established as a writer and poet.

One of the cleverest scenes of all is the end of the first tale, when Coppolius destroys his doll, Olympia, who, to do Moira Shearer full justice, is almost human.

Ludmilla Tcherina is the enslaving Venetian courtesan in the most exotic tale of all, where graceful, mist-wreathed gondolas glide, where there is the power of Hades in a reflection on the water, and sparkling delusion in candle-wax from many coloured burning candles. It has the illusive magic of dreams.

INTO HER OWN

From a small part in "Red Shoes," Tcherina has come into her own. She is beautiful. But there is the horror of a nightmare in the last tale when Antonia tries to run from the room in which evil itself in the form of Dr. Miracle awaits her, only to find that every door leads back into the same room. Robert Helpmann is the very evil; rich, black velvety, satanic; he does all but grow horns while



Moira Shearer dances a magnificent ballet sequence in the film based on the incident involving the mechanical doll in the Offenbach opera. Here she is in a characteristic pose.

There Was Reason Enough To Pick Claudette Colbert

Says JACK DAVIES

What's all this bleating because Claudette Colbert is to play a British wife in "White Blood," a story about Malaya?

Miss Colbert was selected for the part for two reasons:

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Secondly, both he and director Ken Annakin consider Miss Colbert the most suitable actress for the part. Which should be good enough reasons for most people.

Playing opposite Miss Colbert in this story of a rubber planter and his wife living under the most difficult and nerve-racking conditions will be Jack Hawkins, who finally gets a part worthy of his considerable talents.

Meanwhile, Annakin is off to Malaya to film jungle backgrounds.

HAVE A GO, DAVID

Latest star with ambitions to be a producer, David Farrar. He tells me he has bought the film rights of Norman Collins's novel, "I Shall Not Wait," the story of a draper who, over the years, builds up a famous department store.

But the embryonic producer and the author have been supervising the writing of the script which is now completed. "I hope to start filming early in the new year," says Farrar. "I may even direct it. I'd like to anyway." Well, you're a big boy now, David, so why don't you?

THAT MILLS BOMB

The ex-light-heavy-weight champ, Freddie Mills, is in the cast of "Emergency Call," which goes into production at the Netfield Studios. Also in the film are Jack Warner, Anthony Steel, Maxwell Reed and Sidney James.

Freddie, to absolutely nobody's surprise, will be playing a champion boxer. Should be a knock-out.

CONTRACT AT 18

To 18-year-old Marie Germaine comes the reward most young actresses seek—a contract with a major film company.

Marie, the daughter of a former musical comedy actress and an ex-student of the RADA, had appeared in only two films, "Laughter in Paradise" (in which she played George Cole's girl friend) and "Cloudburst," when she was selected from hundreds of applicants to play in "Where's Charley?" with Ray Bolger. As a result of her performance in this film the Brothers Warner have put her on their contract list.

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SOVIET FAILS IN
U.N. MEMBERSHIP
OBSTACLE RAISING

Paris, Dec. 18.

India supported Yugoslavia in the Security
Council today in an attempt to reconcile Soviet
and United States views on the admission of new
members to the United Nations.

Italy's admission to the United Nations was
under discussion but the Soviet delegate, Mr Jacob
Malik, at once asked the Council to give urgent
priority to general principles of admittance of new
members as raised in the 1950 resolution by the
General Assembly.

Sir Gladwyn Jebb (Britain),
Mr Ernest Gross (America) and
Mr Jean Chauvel (France) all
supported the Chairman's agen-

da. This would give precedent to
the General Assembly recom-
mendation that Italy be granted
immediate membership to en-
able her to take part in the
Trusteeship Council (Italy is
the trustee for Somaliland).

Russia has four times in the
past vetoed Italy's admittance
on the grounds that the East
European candidates she had
sponsored had been rejected.

Sir Gladwyn said that the
Assembly had classified the re-
solution on Italy as urgent. But
if Russian anxiety to give
priority to the general question
meant a change of attitude Brit-
ain's delegation would certainly
be pleased.

The 1950 Assembly resolution
on general membership referred
to applications from Austria,
Czechoslovakia, Finland, Italy,
Jordan, Korea, Portugal and
Spain.

Countries not mentioned in
the resolution which have also
applied for membership are
Albania, Mongolia, Bulgaria,
Rumania and Hungary.

Mr D. J. Van Balluseck
(Netherlands) backed the United
States view. Pointing to the
prevalence of Indonesia's admis-
sion he said that he could not
agree that the admission of one
State should be made conditional
on the admission of others.

JOINT ITEM
Mr Ales Belder (Yugoslavia)
said that Italy was undoubtedly
a most suitable candidate for
admission both from the point

of view of population and

economy. The admission of

other States, however, was also

of immense importance.

Mr Belder pointed out that

of the 22 European States 10

States were still not members.

He suggested that the Council

reconcile the Soviet and Ameri-

can viewpoints by having only

one item on the agenda—the

admission of new members—

with two recommendations from

the General Assembly, including

that on Italy, as sub-items.

India's delegate, Sir Benegal

Narsing Rau, said that the

Yugoslav delegate had almost

anticipating him with his sug-
gestion of a joint item.

The admission of Italy was

urgent, but so was the admission

of other members, said Sir

Benegal, mentioning Ceylon

specifically.

Some countries had waited for

years and the longer they were

kept waiting the more urgent

their admission became, Sir

Benegal declared.

The Yugoslav amendment for

one item on membership was

rejected by six votes to three

with two abstentions.

The agenda placing the Italian

question first and then the

general item was adopted by

eight votes to one, with two

abstentions.

The Council adjourned until

tomorrow. —Reuter

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While the Gothie is on her way from East Africa to Ceylon and from Ceylon to the vicinity of Coors Islands, ships of the Royal Navy, the Royal Pakistan Navy and the Indian Navy will provide the escort. These duties will be taken over by ships of the Australian fleet for the rest of the voyage.

The British cruiser Kenya, two Pakistan destroyers, the Tippu and the Tughai, and two Indian destroyers, the Ranjit and the Rajput, will escort the Gothie from Mombassa to Ceylon, leaving Mombassa on February 7.

At Colombo, the Gothie will be met by the Ceylon ship Vijaya on February 17. When the royal liner leaves Trincomalee on February 21, the Vijaya will lead her out of the harbour and part company when clear of the entrance.

The Pakistan and Indian ships will sail with the Royal liner until the evening. Afterwards the Gothie will be escorted by the British cruiser Kenya and Gambia until the Australian fleet takes up escort duties. —Reuter.

To Rejoin Fleet

San Francisco, Dec. 18.
The American 27,000-ton aircraft carrier "Intrepid", which was placed on the reserve fleet after taking part in the Pacific war against Japan, is soon to be put on the active service, the United States naval authorities announced today.
The "Intrepid" will be modernized in the naval yard at Norfolk in Virginia. —France-Press.

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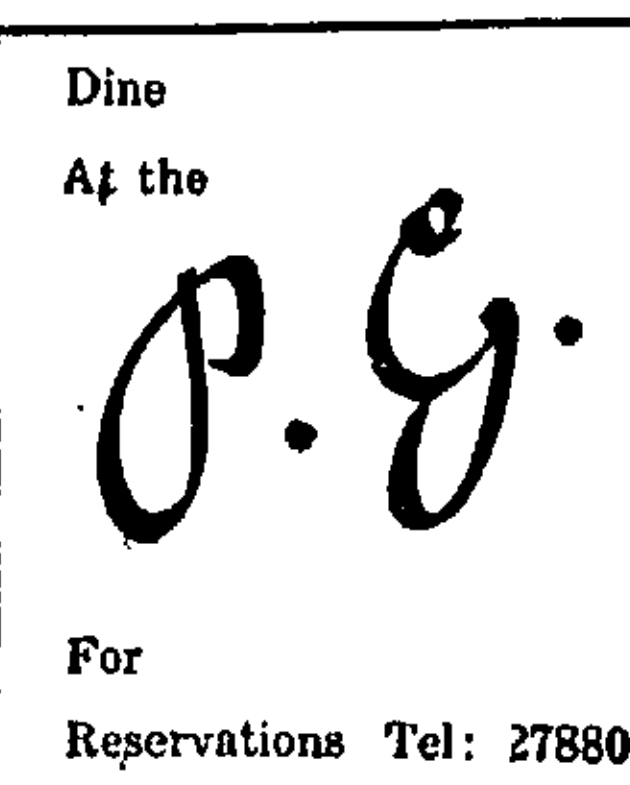
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Disarmament Wrangle: No Vote, But Note Of Hope

Independence Of Libya

Tripoli, Dec. 18.
The independence of Libya will be proclaimed on or shortly after Dec. 27, it was announced officially today.
Originally it had been expected the proclamation would be made this week, but it has been postponed. The United Nations has guaranteed freedom by Jan. 1, 1952, for this overwhelmingly Arab area of 700,000 square miles and a million people. A former Italian colony, it has been administered by Britain and France under the supervision of a UN advisory commission since the war.—Associated Press.

Man's Right To Lecture To Children Discussed By LCC

London, Dec. 18.
The London County Council debated today whether it was right that Sir John Thomas Pratt, former Fur East adviser to the Home Office and known to support many Communist policies, should be allowed to lecture to school children.

The debate began when a member pointed out that a forthcoming lecture by Sir John—78-year-old brother of the "horror" film actor, Boris Karloff—had been advertised in an education bulletin issued by the Council to all its schools.

Last July, Sir John was dismissed from his post as Foreign Office representative on the Universities China Committee, which selected Chinese students for British universities—for criticizing the American and British policy in the Far East.

The Chairman of the Education Committee, Mr. R. McKinnon Wood, thought that the Council could rest assured that "what Sir John will be dealing with will be the cultural relations between China and Great Britain."

"WITCH HUNT"

Later tonight, Sir John told reporters: "It is very unpleasant and alarming to find that the witch hunt going on in America is being spread to this country."

Alleging that the British Government had deliberately deceived the people over the Korean war, Sir John said: "The Russians are telling the truth and it is the Americans who are telling a lie."

Sir John said that it was the South Koreans who attacked the North and alleged that it was a trick played by General Douglas MacArthur, "because he wanted an excuse for seizing Formosa."

Delivering another of his lectures in London tonight to about 70 members of the Musicians' Organisation for Peace, Sir John declared: "If anyone hearing what I say thinks I am a Communist or a fellow traveler he is either a fool or a liar—or both."—Reuter.

DECORATING XMAS TABLES

A demonstration of the art of decorating the Christmas table featuring simplicity, economy and individuality was given by Mrs. J. Benzel at the YWCA, Duddell Street, this morning.

Mrs. Benzel used pebbles, fir and pine twigs, greenery, ivy, mistle, carnations, tree leaves, cotton wool, candles, bagins, silver bowls and bamboos to create her Christmas novelties.

A large crowd was present to watch Mrs. Benzel's demonstration.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

It is not necessary to ascertain the actual dates or how many successive numbers were. For the states for the first number are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100. The Pope wins 100.

Paris, Dec. 18.
A day's wrangle over the revised Western disarmament plan — still unacceptable to Russia — ended without a vote but on a note of hope in the United Nations Political Committee today.

Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky said Russia would not refuse to take part in the Control Commission which the plan sets up.

Dr. Philip Jessup for America welcomed his assurance and promised the West could act "in a spirit of accommodation."

The Soviet Foreign Minister once again expressed hope of a "Power" arms agreement and said both sides had been tactful and thoughtful in their private discussion.

He said the machinery to control atom and conventional arms as conceived by the Western Powers would be "an American super trust."

If the Assembly would ban the atom weapon, other details could be worked out easily and speedily. But the Soviet Union believed "careful and patient scrutiny" could lead to positive results, and that agreement could be reached in a 12-member commission, as suggested in a Polish amendment.

(This would have bypassed the Assembly and thrown the whole problem to the Commission itself.)

"PAPER PROMISE"
Mr. Selwyn Lloyd for Britain said the Western Powers were not going to part with their major weapon in exchange for just a "paper promise."

Adly Adnan Bey, of Egypt, proposed an amendment calling on the United Nations Legal Committee to draw up a convention to ban atomic weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction. He described this as a temporary measure designed to stop the gap pending a world disarmament conference.

Mr. J. Barrington for Burma said his delegation would not vote on the resolution or its amendments but would support the Polish resolution to throw further discussion to the proposed 12-member commission. That would at least ensure that the commission was "born alive."

Indonesian delegate L. M. Palar told the Committee that adoption of either the Soviet or bipartisan disarmament plans would defeat the aims of peace.

His delegation would refrain from voting on any points of disagreement, though it would support points on which there was agreement, he said.

He said to back either plan was to choose ideas and bring a struggle nearer. Only by encouraging a Soviet-American agreement could the United Nations preserve peace.

Dr. Mohammed Fadil Jil of Iraq, addressing Mr. Vyshinsky, asked whether the Soviet Union would co-operate with the aims of the Western resolution if it was passed.

If the answer was in the negative, he proposed they should move on to other matters.

MEEDIATION GROUP
Meanwhile, they should appoint a mediation group composed of neutral states, such as India, Mexico and Sweden, so that the Big Four could agree on the functions of the commission.

On the proposal for a mediation group, Mr. Vyshinsky said the Soviet Union never refused to work with others.

Dr. Jessup welcomed Mr. Vyshinsky's statement that the Soviet Union was willing to co-operate and said the Western Powers would enter into discussion in the new commission in the spirit of accommodation.

"It is clear to us all that we can all work together in the new commission," Dr. Jessup said. They recognize that Mr. Vyshinsky had laid down a reservation, but the new commission could make real progress.

The chairman ruled that voting should start on the Western preamble on Wednesday.

The Committee then adjourned.—Reuter.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers
1. The blue-back trout. 2. A marriage between a man of royal family and a woman of lower rank. 3. An elementary organism, as a cell. 4. Frozen raindrops. 5. That branch of historical sciences which is concerned with the lives of the saints. 6. The locality in which it thrives.

Beefeater Learns Cake-Making



The wives of Beefeaters and other personnel stationed in the Tower of London recently attended a demonstration of making cakes for Christmas. During the class some of the Beefeaters themselves looked in to pick up a few hints. This picture shows a Yeoman Warder learning how to mix Christmas cake.

Exemption From Ordinance Sought

Question Of Costs Raised Before Tribunal

Plans for a \$2,000,000 development scheme along Nathan Road in the Mongkok district, Kowloon, were mentioned in the Tenancy Tribunal this morning when hearing of an application for exemption of certain premises from the provisions of Section 31 of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, 1947, opened before the Tribunal President, Mr. W. H. Latimer.

Applicants are Kwong Tai Co., Ltd., of 20 Wing Tai Street, first floor, for whom the Hon. Leo d'Almada, KC, and Mr. John McNeill, KC, both instructed by Mr. C. Y. Kwan, appeared.

There were eighteen opponents carrying on various types of businesses, and they were represented by four Counsel and solicitors.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the Tai Lee Co., of 620 Nathan Road, the Yuen Yau Kee, of 622A Nathan Road, the See Tai Tailor, of 624 Nathan Road, and the Chan Dai Kwong, of 626 Nathan Road.

Mr. A. J. Clifford, instructed by Messrs Hastings and Co., appeared for the Fai Ying, of 620A Nathan Road, the Ah Shan Shoe Shop, of 626A Nathan Road, and the Ah On Kee, of 628A Nathan Road.

Mr. Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Messrs d'Almada Remedios and Co., appeared for the Yau Kee, the Kwong Hing, the Chan Kam, the Yip Foon, the Dai Hing Lung, the Hop Kee Garage, and the Kwong Lung Garage, all of KIL 1219.

Mr. I. W. Gunter represented the Yuen Tze Co., of 622 Nathan Road, the Yee Tung Sang Wood Bookshop, of 624A Nathan Road, the Lok Sai Cheong, of 628 Nathan Road, and the Tai Sang Chun Kee, of KIL 2118.

Mr. Silva raised a preliminary point saying there were two separate lots involved and the buildings on these lots were of a different nature. He suggested it might be more convenient to deal with the two lots separately.

Ten of the buildings, he remarked, were of cement and concrete, and it might be that the Tribunal would not recommend exemption in their case, in which event the whole case would fall to the ground.

OVERDRAFT
Mr. Silva said it was provided under the Section in which the applicants had brought their application that whether the opponents won or lost, costs shall be borne by the applicants. In a search of the Companies Register, he went on, it was found that the applicant company was indebted on an overdraft account in the sum of \$40,000 to the Bank of East Asia, and nothing in the Register seemed to indicate that the Company was in any way in a solvent position. The overdraft was started on May 4, 1951, and had not yet been repaid to date, he declared.

All Counsel for the opponents were concerned with whether they would be paid their costs.

Chinese Crown Counsel Makes First Appearance At Criminal Sessions

Mr Patrick Yu, the first Chinese to be appointed a Crown Counsel, made his initial appearance in the Criminal Sessions this morning when he prosecuted in a robbery case.

On trial before Mr Justice Gould, Senior Puisne Judge, were five Hoklos accused of robbery, with aggravation, of a gold bracelet from a married woman, Lo Yuet-ying, in hut No. 37, Chung Hing Village, Kowloon City, on the night of November 2.

The accused were Chan Chung, aged 36, Wong Si-tung, 27, Wong Chung, 27, Wong Fung, 26, and Ha Chung, 26. All pleaded Not Guilty and a jury of four men and three women was empanelled.

Assisting Mr Yu is Det-Sub-Inspector Chan Wai-man.

Mr Yu told the Jury that four of the men in the dock were caught in the hut in the very act of robbery and the fifth man was arrested outside.

Crown Counsel said that on the night of November 1 the complainant, as usual, was sleeping with her husband and two children in her cubicle. Her brother-in-law and another man were asleep in the tent.

At about 3.40 a.m. the following morning, the complainant woke up to find a masked stranger in the hut. She was gagged with an orange and a gold bracelet snatched from her wrist. Meanwhile, her husband was attacked by two Chinese, also masked, one of whom carried a knife and the other one half of a scissor. They attempted to stab him and wounded his right arm.

The woman's brother-in-law was attacked by yet another masked man. He was stabbed in the arm with a half scissor blade.

REMOVED GAG
The woman managed to remove the orange from her mouth and shouted "Robbery" whereupon a Police party, who happened to be in the vicinity, entered the hut and arrested four men. A fifth man was keeping guard outside the premises.

Subsequently cautioned statements were taken by the Police from all of the accused.

Medical evidence was given by Dr Chow Kan-san, of the Kowloon Hospital, as to the injuries received by the victims in his opinion they were caused by a sharp instrument.

Dr T. C. Pang, Police Surgeon attached to Headquarters, testified to finding copious stains of human blood on a woolen khaki jersey and a brown cotton shirt. The blood was of group "O". He also examined the scissor blades and found blood but there was not enough to indicate that it was human blood.

The trial is proceeding.

New Minister Appointed

London, Dec. 18.
Major Charles Francis Capper, six-foot tall ex-Army boxing champion and former British Consul General in Khorramshahr, Persia, has been appointed British Minister to Liberia.

He succeeds Mr John Gilroy Baillie, Minister in Liberia, since 1949.

Mr Capper was expelled from Persia just over two months ago because of statements he was alleged to have made at Abadan during the oil dispute.

The British Government protested against the Persian request for his recall.—Reuter.

\$75 Fine For Drunkness

Boris Markoff, 32, of 2, Stubbs Road, ground floor, was fined \$75 or 10 days' imprisonment by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning for being drunk and incapable.

Defendant was picked up by the Police at about 1.45 this morning in front of 16, Percival Road.

Fireworks Shop Explosion

Menros, Louisiana, Dec. 18.
A fireworks shop exploded today at West Monroe and first reports said that several persons were killed.

It was heard for several miles.—Reuter.

Living Language

Why we say Cadge a drink.

To "cadge" a drink is to beg one in a sneaking way, but "cadging" was originally nothing more than peddling, from the word "cadge" meaning basket, in which itinerant peddlars used to carry their wares.

Mail Notices

Latest times of posting at G.P.O. and at Kowloon Post Office: registered articles and parcels must close one hour earlier than the ordinary mail times shown below:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19
By Air
Japan, Korea, 5 p.m., B.O.A.C.
Formosa, 5 p.m., H.K. Airways
By Surface
Macao, 8 a.m.; 6 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak Shing.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20
By Air
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 8 a.m., via B.O.A.C.
Indo-China, 6 p.m., Air France.
Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, 5 p.m., C.P.A.

By Surface
Macao, 8 a.m.; 6 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m., train via Canton.
Indo-China, 8 a.m., as Elabeth, Malaya, Ceylon, Madagascar, India, Aden, Great Britain, Europe, Noon, as Corfu.

India, 1 p.m., as E. Sang.
Japan, 2 p.m., as Sirdhana.
By Air
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., 8 a.m., via C.P.A.L.
Formosa, 10 a.m., C.A.T.
Algeria, Okinawa, 5 p.m., H.K. Airways.

N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m., Q.E.A.
Malaya, Ceylon, India, 5 p.m., B.O.A.C.
U.S.A., Canada, 5 p.m., P.A.S.
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Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.
6.00. Programme Summary: 6.02. "Children's Half Hour" in the Home of the "Three Bears" written by Dorothy Cooper (BBC's): 6.30. Forces Bandstand (Concert Hall) Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders conducted by Mr James Howes: 7.00. Time Signal, World News and News Analysis (London Relay): 7.15. Wilson Wan at the Piano (Studio): 7.30. Orchestra of the Week: Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Wilhelm Furtwangler: 7.50. Weather Report: 8.00. From the Editor's "Recorded Relay": 8.10. "Lucky Dip" Variety Requests, presented by Pauline Spence (Studio): 9.15. "Christmas Show" (Studio) written & Produced by Betty Brown & Leslie Murray Aynsley: 10.30. Joe Lee and His Orchestra play for dancing with Hildegarde as Guest Artist: 11.00. Radio Newswire (Recorded Relay): 11.15. Goodnight Music: 11.20. Weather Report: God Save the King: 11.30. Close Down.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"He wouldn't eat the strained carrots so I fried him a few potatoes—don't tell me any more he's got a poor appetite!"

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